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International application No. <b>PCT/JP 03/ 03730</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>26/03/2003</b>	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) <b>28/03/2002</b>
Applicant <b>DAI-DAN CO., LTD.</b>		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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## 1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

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2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

**APPARATUS FOR SEPARATING GAS INTO GAS COMPONENTS USING IONIZATION**

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

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## Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

In an apparatus for ionizing and separating a gas into gas components in an inlet gas (11), a gas flowing into a flow channel of a chamber from an inlet port is ionized, and in the flow channel the gas ionized by applying an electrical field to the gas components having an ionized state by electrodes (16) (17) is separated into a cation and anion to separate a gas molecule component contained in the gas. One of the gas component such as a clean air is removed from a first outlet (12) port and the separated gas component is removed from a second outlet (13) port. A flow of the inlet gas from the inlet port is adjusted to retain the gas in the flow channel of the chamber for a predetermined or more time so that an airflow is adjusted.

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 B01D53/32

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 B01D B03C

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, PAJ, WPI Data

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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